

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4 - 8, and 10 - 17 are pending with claims 2 - 3 and 9 canceled and claims 10 - 17 added by this paper.

Claim Rejections and Claim Amendments

Claims 1 - 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C §112, second paragraph and 35 U.S.C §101 because these claims define a use. However, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the "use" terminology. Consequently, Applicants respectfully submit that these rejections should be withdrawn.

In addition, Applicants have made amendments to the claims to conform terminology for consistency within each claim, to correct typographical errors, and to conform terminology to typical U.S. prosecution practice. Applicants respectfully submit that none of these amendments narrow the scope of the claims

In view of the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested. If there are any remaining issues which can be expedited by a telephone conference, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone counsel at the number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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